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SOUTHCOM provides humanitarian assistance

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U.S. provides support to Latin American neighbors

By Petty Officer Gabe Puello, USN
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Many people within the command's area of responsibility question the United State's ability to put its "money where its mouth is" regarding humanitarian assistance. New Horizons 2000 not only answers that question but goes a step further by placing

American footprints where its mouth is, by spending in excess of \$43 million in wide-spread construction projects and medical and veterinary services.

"This long-term command sponsored exercise which began in the mid 1980's, was designed to train U.S. military engineering, medical,

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Photos by Army Col. Peter Baljet
El Salvadorian soldiers drill a well
April 9 with U.S. equipment under the
supervision of a civilian from the
Southeastern District of the Army
Corps of Engineers.



Santa Fe, El Salvador residents col-
lect water April 9 at a new well drilled
by a Reserve Army unit from Montana.

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and support staff personnel while helping our neighbors. SOUTHCOM's coordination of all U.S. military forces in the Central, South American and Caribbean region, makes it possible for the reserv-

ists and national guardsmen to fulfill their annual two-week training obligation through an overseas deployment, where their units receive far greater training value," said Maj. Eduardo Villavicencio, SOUTHCOM spokesman.

The governments of Antigua & Barbuda, Belize, El Salvador, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Trinidad & Tobago will welcome U.S. medical and engineering units providing assistance between January and September 2000, added Villavicencio.

National Guard and Reserve engineers from Oklahoma, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas and more, are constructing an estimated 15 schools, nine wells, barracks, orphanages, clinics, and rehabilitating a hospital center. Some countries will benefit

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from the arrival of National Guard and reserve MEDRETE and medical support units from Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Maryland, which will provide medical and veterinary treatment in remote tropical environments. Others will benefit from the services performed by construction battalions, MP's, signal battalions and transportation specialists.

A significant byproduct of New Horizons 2000, is fulfillment of the U.S. government's pledge for continued support to the region in the wake of Hurricane Mitch.



A Reserve Marine unit builds a new school April 9 at El Amatillo, El Salvador while participating in New Horizons Exercise.

Army Maj. Gen. Paul E. Lima, U.S. Southern Command deputy commander for Reserve Affairs, talks to soldiers at El Sante Fe, El Salvador where they were building a new school.



An Army Reserve unit builds a new school April 9 in Nueva Trinidad, El Salvador.

Town hall meeting highlights bad, ugly topics

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts, USAF
Command Run Editor

MIAMI – The commander of the U.S. Southern Command held a town hall meeting Wednesday night where he purposely focused his attention on a number of “bad and ugly” topics in an attempt to improve morale and quality of life.

Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm began the meeting by briefing more than 60 command personnel and family members on



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm (Left), U.S. Southern Command commander in chief, addresses military and family members about the status of the command at a town hall meeting Wednesday in Kendall, Fla.

the status of the command at the Miami National Golf Course

Club in Kendall, Fla. The general addressed pay and com-

pensation – specifically targeted pay raises scheduled for

some mid-level officers and enlisted members this July. He also highlighted educational opportunities available through the command's education office, and praised the SOUTHCOM Clinic for the high number of patient contacts and number of prescriptions filled. In addition, he talked about building improvements and the recent addition of a 15-acre buffer zone west of the building,

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an \$11 million tract of land loaned free to the command by the state of Florida for the next 50 years.

Wilhelm then invited questions and comments, stressing the need for people to bring up issues of concern, what he described as the “bad and ugly,” as it pertains to the command, so he could work on fixing or make decisions on unsettled issues. Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela, deputy commander in chief; Brig. Gen. Jerry McAbee, chief of staff; Michael Rhodes, special advisor to the commander in chief for quality



Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela (Left), U.S. Southern Command deputy commander in chief, makes a point about being ready for Hurricane season, which begins June 1. He encouraged people to get prepared and buy supplies well in advance of a storm.

of life affairs; and other division directors also participated.

A dozen concerns or

questions were addressed, and all were taken seriously. Some of the most notable subjects covered in-

cluded the ID policy for access into the headquarters compound entry points, use of the health clinic by retirees, use of the Federal Reserve Building's cafeterias, hurricane preparedness, and questions about the headquarters' VIP entrance.

One of the first topics discussed dealt with the policy of family members or retirees having to leave a form of ID in exchange for a red badge at the various entry points into the headquarters compound. The general responded and instructed the security committee to work on the policy and make changes as ap-

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appropriate.

Another question asked at the event was why couldn't retirees and their dependents that work in the headquarters building use the health clinic. Army Col. Glenn Mitchell, the command surgeon, responded on behalf of Wilhelm and said there are approximately 20,000 retirees in the Miami area. Given the limited number of doctors and the level of cases they have from military members



Army Col. Marvin King (Standing), Base Operations commander, explains the policy of entry control into the Headquarters compound and the issue of getting a pass to park in the Health Clinic's reserved parking spaces near the Headquarters building's north entrance.

and their families, seeing retirees and their dependents wasn't feasible. The colonel did say these people could use the facility on a space available basis, but added that it could be frustrating for them

given the large number of appointments that are normally filled daily.

One officer who attended the town hall meeting asked about the status of building a bridge across the canal north of the headquarters building so people could use the cafeterias at the Federal Reserve Building. He also wondered if a vanpool could take people there until a bridge could be built. Rhodes addressed the question and said funding wasn't available for the bridge, but the command is

still exploring other funding avenues. He said he hadn't thought about a vanpool, but said he was willing to try it if enough people wanted to use the facility.

Wilhelm also addressed hurricane preparedness with hurricane season fast approaching June 1. He encouraged everyone to prepare early and get necessary supplies at local stores before a storm approaches. The chief of staff explained how he moni-

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tors a storm and how he orders non-mission essential personnel to go home prior to a storm hitting Miami. He said people need time to get their kids out of school and to take care of families during a hurricane. He also stressed how important it is to get supplies while the skies are blue, not when a storm approaches. Canned goods, water and other important supplies aren't available if you wait, he said.

One of the final questions addressed by Wilhelm had to do with the recent policy change making the

south entrance into the headquarters building dedicated to distinguished visitors. The general said having all personnel enter and exit through the north entrance meets the command's security constraints. He said that given the responsibility he has of bringing visiting ministers of defense and cabinet level officials from 32 countries into the building, he needs a dedicated entrance.

Rhodes said after the meeting that he noticed that the majority of issues brought up were procedure and refinement related. He said it could be an indicator the command is doing better at correcting things and making positive adjustments to issues associ-

Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm asks Vilma Lessesne how much she thinks the land grant from the state of Florida is worth. The 15-acre tract of land given to the command for 50 years is worth an estimated \$11 million.



ated with being located in Miami, not in a normal military base setting.

"I think it shows we are making a little progress with this experiment of being in a non-base location work a little bit better," Rhodes said. "Our people are getting used to it. I think we are making progress. I thought tonight

was good. I thought it was a good turnout."

(Editor's note: A detailed accounting of every issue discussed and the command's response will be discussed at near-future Zip-Code Coffee Groups and also posted on the SCNET's Public Folders sometime next week.)



McGovern (Second from left), meets with La Guaira, Venezuela disaster relief officials in December 1999 about a hazardous waste site clean-up operation. She organized efforts to safeguard thousands of Venezuelan lives.

Efforts honored

Army Lt. Col. Joanne McGovern, U.S. Southern Command's Command Surgeon Office, recently received the U.S. State Department Meritorious Honor Award and the Venezuelan Meritorious Medal First Class for her hard work and dedication coordinating badly needed medical relief to the trapped and injured caught by the flooding and mudslides along the country's northeastern coastline. Working as a post-disaster medical planning specialist at the American Embassy in Caracas, McGovern worked alongside Venezuelan medical forces. She helped to prevent epidemics and led the clean-up of a hazardous waste site.

'Awareness' key to safeguarding computers

By Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts,
USAF

Command Run Editor

MIAMI – "Awareness" is the key to protecting the command's computer network from the threat of cyber attacks, officials stressed during the third annual Computer Security Day at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters April 7.

Russell K. Cadenhead, J-6 Command, Control, Communications, and Computer Systems Directorate, said all too often the weakest link in computer security is the "authorized user" of a computer. Computer Security Day ad-



Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts
Army Sgt. 1st Class Erin Crowell talks with SYTEX representatives who were at the U.S. Southern Command to answer questions on Computer Security Day April 7.

dressed this weakness and highlighted the importance of safeguarding informa-

tion on the computer network.

"People need to know

that the threats to our computer systems are real", added Air Force Master Sgt. Monica Birmingham, the event's organizer from J-6. That's the reason for Computer Security Day – to heighten the command's awareness level so everyone knows how to protect our computer networks by integrating good computer security practices into everyday routines, she said.

A number of activities took place during Computer Security Day that were designed to inform people about the growing number of computer

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threats and how to deal with them.

Personnel in every directorate reviewed computer security policy, performed virus scans on various media, deleted unneeded files, backed up important information, and attached security clas-



“People need to know that the threats to our computer systems are real.”

Master Sgt. Monica Birmingham
*J-6 Command, Control, Communications,
and Computer Systems Directorate*

sification stickers onto unmarked disks. Event organizers also aired computer security videos and hosted a Tech Expo, which gave vendors an opportunity to display and demonstrate the latest computer technologies related to in-

formation assurance, and computer and network security.

“The Tech Expo was a huge success,” Birmingham said. “We had a steady stream of people mingling and interacting with the vendors throughout the day. Most of the people who attended were

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Computer Security Day messages highlighted

Message No. 1

Use password protected screen savers to prevent unauthorized use of your account.

Message No. 2

Secure your passwords. Do not share them. Do not write them down or compromise their integrity.

Protect them at the same classification level of the system. Change computer passwords at least every 90 days.

Message No. 3

Virus scan your files and media before entering a file into your system. Use only DoD approved anti-virus software and keep the virus

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quite interested in the displays, and what the vendors had to offer.”

In addition, she said information management officers in each directorate reviewed policy and provided security awareness training in the work areas. Also, security tips were sent via E-mail periodically throughout the day to educate personnel.

Birmingham concluded that she believes many aspects of Computer Security Day were a huge success, while others may not have been. But just getting the command to focus its attention on the importance of computer security was a very proactive way of educating and training people how to protect the computer network from cyber threats.

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signatures updated.

Message No. 4

Back up your data. System administrators frequently back up information stored on servers. They do not back up any data stored on individual hard drives. Back up this data to the servers or other removable media at least weekly.

Message No. 5

Label all systems and media. Indicate the highest classification level of the information contained within. Unclassified or sensitive systems and media should also be labeled. Use Standard Forms 706-711.

Message No. 6

Control sensitive or classified media. Do not allow any storage

media on which classified and/or sensitive data have resided to leave controlled channels until they have been degaussed (demagnetized).

Message No. 7

Beware of borrowed or unsolicited software. Use only software approved through government acquisition procedures. Do not use personally owned software, games, freeware, or shareware.

Message No. 8

Report all viruses and suspected computer security incidents to your information management officer or help desk.

Message No. 9

Use government systems for authorized use only. Personal use

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shouldn't overburden the system, cannot cost DoD money and cannot violate federal, state or local laws. Lewd or sexually explicit materials, chain letters, commercial activities, or soliciting are strictly prohibited.

Message No. 10

Keep your accounts current. Notify your IMO or help desk to report changes in status, changes in directorate, extended leaves or TDYs in excess of 30 days, and departures. Accounts should be disabled for extended leaves and terminated before an individual permanently

departs the command.

Message No. 11

Mark your classified E-mail. E-mail must be marked with the highest level of classification being transmitted. It must be marked to show the classifications of each paragraph, and include downgrading/declassification markings. Classification attachments must also be marked appropriately. Reference DoD Directive 5200.1-R for further guidance or call J-2 Security Operations at (305) 437-2029.

Message No. 12

Notice and consent to monitoring. All DoD owned communications equipment and/or devices are



Serve and protect

U.S. Southern Command officials advise everyone to protect the computer network by securing passwords. Do not share them. Do not write them down or compromise their integrity. Protect them at the same classification level of the system. Change computer passwords at least every 90 days.

subject to monitoring at all times. By using a DoD owned communications re- source you are automatically giving your consent to monitoring.

Chief of staff reviews annual JROTC parade



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts

Marine Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee (Left), U.S. Southern Command chief of staff, reviews a junior reserve officer corps formation April 21 at the annual Miami-Dade County Public Schools JROTC Pass in Review at Homestead Air Reserve Station, Fla. As the reviewing officer, McAbee inspected marching units and color guards representing 22 JROTC units.



JROTC cadets stand in formation in front of an Air Force C-130 Hercules in front of the tower at Homestead Air Reserve Station. Every marching unit consisted of 47 cadets. Approximately 1,234 cadets participated.



(Left) Marine Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee congratulates a group of Army JROTC cadets on a job well done after the review.

Cohen addresses food stamp housing-income equity issue

By Staff Sgt. Kathleen T. Rhem, USA

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 20, 2000 — Secretary of Defense William Cohen proposes to solve a long-standing housing allowance “equity issue” in a way that probably could make more military families eligible for food stamps.

“This issue is about equity for our people. I support military men and women receiving every federal benefit to

which they are entitled,” Cohen said in a written statement April 19. He pledged to work with Agriculture Department leaders to “amend current rules so as to exclude

the cash housing allowance paid to our people living off base from the computation for eligibility.

“This will pro-

vide the equity in pay and benefits we must AFRTS Radio Report: SecDef’s Food Stamp modification



William Cohen

proposal outlined main- tain , while retaining the food stamp benefit for those who truly need it,” Cohen wrote .

“We have made great progress in quality of life issues for our military men and women — pay increases, pay table re-

form, restoration of the 20-year retirement, improvements in health care, and more generous allowances for off-base housing. We can do no less.

“I think this proposed change to the eligibility procedures for food stamps is one more way that we can further improve that quality of life, and I will work vigorously for its implementation.”

Current food stamp rules count monthly cash housing allowances as income but not the value of government quarters. Military

members who live off base appear to have larger incomes than their peers who live on base.

Ironically, the allowance members forfeit to live in base housing covers their costs in full while a cash allowance by law is supposed to cover only 85 percent of off-base housing costs — but actually cover only 81 percent on average, according to DoD statistics.

In January, Cohen proposed raising housing allowances to eliminate

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members' out-of-pocket expenses within five years. Unless food stamp income rules change, however, the current inequity would continue.

Families living off base would receive a larger allowance, but then report an even higher disqualifying income.

Bernard Rostker, President Clinton's nominee to serve as the next undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, recently proposed before Congress that the fairness issue could be solved by declaring the value of base housing as income in determining food stamp

eligibility.

This would reduce the number of military families



Food Stamps

Call the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 1-800-221-5689 to get information about eligibility and benefits in the Food Stamp Program. Callers using the number will reach a voice mail box where they can leave their name and address to receive information by mail about food stamps, including eligibility requirements, level of benefits, and other details about how the program works.

on food stamps by disqualifying many living in base housing.

The military doesn't have statistics on members receiving food stamps, but DoD officials have estimated that less than 1 percent of service members qualify, and those that do generally have larger-than-average families,

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said at an April 18 press conference. He couldn't say how many military families might be affected by Cohen's proposed food stamp change, but noted roughly 60 percent of those receiving stamps live in base housing.

Bacon demonstrated the food stamp issue by us-

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ing the example of a married serviceman in pay grade E-5 with six years' service and three children. If this person lived on base, he'd get base housing but no housing allowance, his pay and a monthly \$227.40 subsistence allowance. He would receive \$1,919.10 a month in cash — and qualify for food stamps, Bacon said.

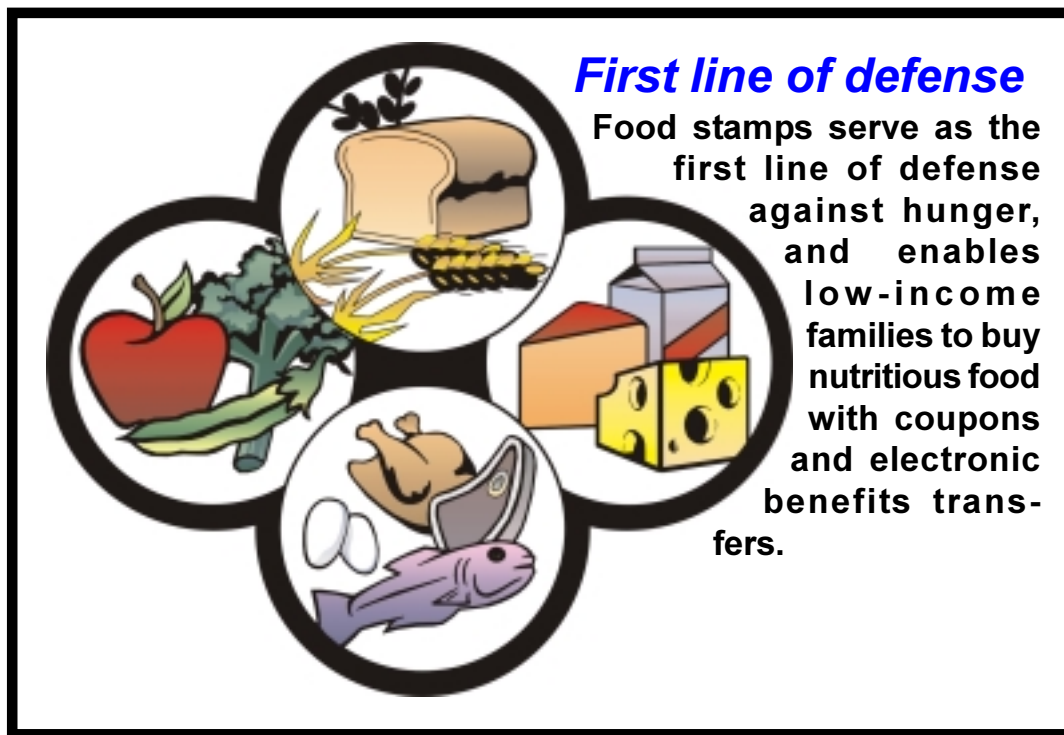
The same person, if living off base, would receive pay, subsistence and a monthly \$530 cash

housing allowance — and have a disqualifying income of \$2,449.10.

Bacon went on to point out there are many other benefits

to living in government quarters. "The person [living off base] may live far away from the base, far away from the unit day-care center,

far away from the commissary, far away from the base schools, and may have a substantial commute," he said. "The person living on



base faces none of those additional costs."

Some members of Congress have proposed a monthly allowance for service members who are eligible for food stamps. DoD consider the suggestion unfeasible and unfair, Bacon said during the briefing.

Bacon said DoD is trying to lessen the impact of food stamps on service members through measures that benefit all, such as this year's 4.8 percent pay raise and Cohen's proposed housing allowance increases.

Story and photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Gabe Puello, USN
Command Run Assistant Editor

Troubled kids reap real-world advice

Troubled students at Hialeah Institute were the objectives of a real world-mission by real-world role models, Wednesday, as they were presented various perspectives and life options from command representatives during Career Day 2000.

A contingent of female officers and enlisted members, along with Esther Valenzuela, wife of the deputy commander in chief,



Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Elizabeth Pereira (Center standing), J-2 Intelligence Directorate, speaks to girls at Hialeah Institute about her Navy experiences, and about career options in the military.

spoke to female students on topics ranging from marriage plans after high school, to educational and career goals.

While the women spoke to the girls,

Marine Sgt. Richard Caldwell spoke to the male students on career choices in the various services.

The Hialeah Institute, an alternative education pro-

gram administered by the Cuban American National Council, Inc., and funded by Dade County Public Schools, is an alternative outreach program for troubled

students. "The pupils in this school are generally here as a result of academic problems, and not so much behavioral issues," said Frank Tarrau, director. "These students don't have to go college to guarantee their success. High school is good enough. They just have to know that with a good basic education they can aspire to be anything they want to be, given the desire and motivation people like you (SOUTHCOM), can give them." Said Tarrau.

News briefs

Miami area tour

The Family Support Center is sponsoring its monthly Miami area tour 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 26. The tour is free to military personnel and their families.

The tour begins and ends at the **Codina Building**. For more information or to sign up for the tour, call **(305) 437-2665**.

Newcomers brief

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a newcomers briefing 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Tuesday at PBA Hall located at 10680 NW 25th Street. The briefing is the first Tuesday of every month.

The briefing includes presentations from TRICARE; SOUTHCOM Health Clinic; Housing Office; Traffic Management Office; Education Office; Legal Office; Quality of Life Office; Morale, Welfare, and Recreation; DoD Police; and the chaplain. For more information or to reserve your seat at the briefing, call **(305) 437-2667 or 2665**, or toll free at **(888) 547-4025**.

CINC's Cup

The Commander in Chief's Cup Golf Tournament is 8 a.m. May 26 at the Miami Springs Golf and

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Attend SOUTHCOM's free job fair

The U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Coast Guard are sponsoring a free job fair 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 25 at Metro Dade Fire Fighters Memorial Building located at 8000 NW 21st Street in Miami. Some of the employers that will be present include: American Airlines, Carnival Cruise Lines, Wackenhut Security, Federal Express, BellSouth Mobility, State of Florida Children & Family Services, Sun Trust Bank, Miami Dade Police Department, Bank Atlantic, Pembroke Pines Police Department, U.S. Border Patrol, American Express, Dunbar Armored Security, Doathan Security Inc., Mantech, Bradley-Morris Military Placements, South Florida Water Management District, City of Miami, Florida Jobs and Benefits, Primerica, ITT Technical Institute, Argenbright Security, and NOVA University.

To register or for more information, call **Marva Creary**, USSOUTHCOM, at **(305) 437-2671 or 2726** or E-mail at **crearym@hq.southcom.mil**; or call **Sarah Jones-Pereira**, Coast Guard, at **(305) 536-5133**, or E-mail at **sjones-pereira@iscmiami.uscg.mil**.

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Country Club. This best-ball tournament costs \$30 per person. Call Suzette Rubet at (305) 437-2639 for more information or to sign up.

Legal Assistance

Call Army Staff Sgt. Brigitte Romain at (305) 437-1303 or Suzanne Estes at (305) 437-1304 to schedule legal assistance appointments.

Comedy mystery

A comedy mystery dinner is tentatively scheduled June 24 at the Coast Guard Station, MacArthur

Causeway. "The Sleuth's Mystery Dinner Show" is a show where each person becomes a detective. For more information call Suzette Rubet at (305) 437-2639.

Universal Studios

For promotions on Universal Studios Theme Park for the month of May (only), call the Coast Guard MWR Office at (305) 535-4565.

Smooth move

The Family Support Center is sponsoring a Smooth Move briefing 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. May 16 at the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters Conference Room 1401. The

briefing is the third Tuesday of every month.

The briefing offers a smooth move out-processing briefing for all service and family members. Presenters will provide useful

information needed before a permanent change of station move.

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Service schedule

Tuesdays: Weekly Protestant services are noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room, Room 1414.

Wednesdays: Weekly Inter-denominational Bible study and fellowship is from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 1401 or 1403.

Thursdays: Weekly Catholic services are from noon to 12:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room, Room 1414.

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or to sign up for the next briefing, call **(305) 437-2667 or 2665**.

Breaking news

Congratulations to the following Army sergeant first class's who were selected Thursday for promotion to the rank of master sergeant:

- **Ernie Sosa, J-2**
- **Kelly R. Bryant, J-2**
- **Jesse D. Lowman, SOCSO**

Air & Sea show

The sixth annual Air & Sea Show will be held in Ft. Lauderdale May 6-7. This year the U.S. Navy Blue Angels will take center stage along with an amphibious landing conducted by Marines from the amphibious ship USS Nassau. A wide array of military and civilian events are scheduled for this two-day extravaganza. Transportation will be provided May 6-7 by DCA. For reservations, call Suzette Rubet x 2639.



Former SOUTHCOM commander passes away in Virginia

The Secretary of the Army announced this week that former U.S. Southern Command Commander Gen. Robert W. Porter Jr., died April 22 at Martha Jefferson Hospital in

Charlottesville, Va. Porter served with distinction during a 38-year Army career, including a stint as SOUTHCOM's commander from February 1965 to February 1969.

Holocaust survivors recount horrific experiences

By Petty Officer 1st Class Gabe Puello, USN
Command Run Assistant Editor

Attendees of this year's Holocaust Remembrance Day observance fidgeted in seats and fought back tears while listening to survivors of the Holocaust recount the horrors they experienced.

Leo Shniderman mesmerized everyone in the Main Conference Room April 12 at this year's commemora-



Photos by John Pellino

Leo Shniderman gives a detailed account of his experiences at Aushwitz Concentration Camp during World War II, his eventual escape and survival in Nazi work camps.

tion. He gave a detailed account of his travels from the

Warsaw ghetto to Aushwitz, where he lost his mother and

baby brother, leading up to his eventual escape and

survival in Nazi work camps.

Maj.Gen. Alfred Valenzuela, deputy commander in chief, kicked off the annual remembrance day ceremony with a few insights of his own and then introduced the speakers who delivered their testimonies.

"In May 3, 1945, I walked into Dachau, Concentration Camp. Fifty-five years have passed since then, and as the years go

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by, I am reminded more and more of the despair of Dachau that day,” said Charlotte Chaney, an American nurse serving in the Army. Her harrowing account of that day’s events, along with those that followed, were culminated with her impassioned questioning of the world’s indifference to the plight of the Jews during that era.

“Our goal is to remind the world, to what happened on that day,” added Chaney. “To never forget the victims or the survivors.”

A brief movie account



There were also educational displays at the Holocaust Remembrance Day observance.

of the horrors of the holocaust was also shown, followed by Leo



A large number of U.S. Southern Command personnel listened to several victims of the holocaust tell their story of the plight of the Jews during World War II.

Shniederman’s account of the Nazi occupation of his hometown in Poland, five days after the Sept. 1, 1939, invasion. “The ghettos were a bloodless

way of exterminating us,” he recounted. “By closing us off and simply denying

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the necessary means for survival, five person families became four person families and soon after single member families.”

A cattle car transported him, along with his mother and 11 year old brother, to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. There, he was separated from his family and never saw them alive again. The Nazis needed experienced road construction workers and

Shniederman concocted a fake construction company in his hometown he used to work for to escape death in the camp. He managed to survive long enough to be freed when American troops advanced on Germany.

Survivors and witnesses want these stories and others to be remembered and never forgotten. The imperative was to remind Americans what can happen to civilized people when bigotry, hatred and indifference reign.



Army Maj. Gen. Alfred Valenzuela (Center), U.S. Southern Command deputy commander in chief, gives his appreciation to Leo Shniederman and Charlotte Chaney for being guest speakers at the command's holocaust remembrance ceremony.

Families enjoy 'Spring Fling' at Miami Metro Zoo



Photos by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts



Julia Fassl, 1, poses with the Easter Bunny April 15 during the "Spring Fling" Picnic at Miami Metro Zoo. Julia is the daughter of Army Maj. Mark Fassl, J-3, and wife Jennifer.



(Left and above) Miami Metro Zoo animal trainers show off some of the animals during a live performance at the zoo's outdoor amphitheater.



Alex Lopez (Left), Army Signal Activity, fills up his plate with barbecue and all the fixings. The picnic was held underneath the "big top" for shade and in case of inclement weather.



(Left) At the urging of the disc jockey, U.S. Southern Command members volunteer to lipsync “YMCA,” a popular “Village People” tune.



(Above and right) There were many carnival games for children to play at the U.S. Southern Command’s “Spring Fling” picnic. Every person who attended the Directorate of Community Activities’ sponsored event was given five tickets to play the games and the chance to win prizes.



(Right) Air Force Tech. Sgt. Sharon McLean (Center), J-3, enjoys time with her daughter Brittany (Left), 10, and her friend Jessica, 10, and a goat and chicken at the petting zoo.



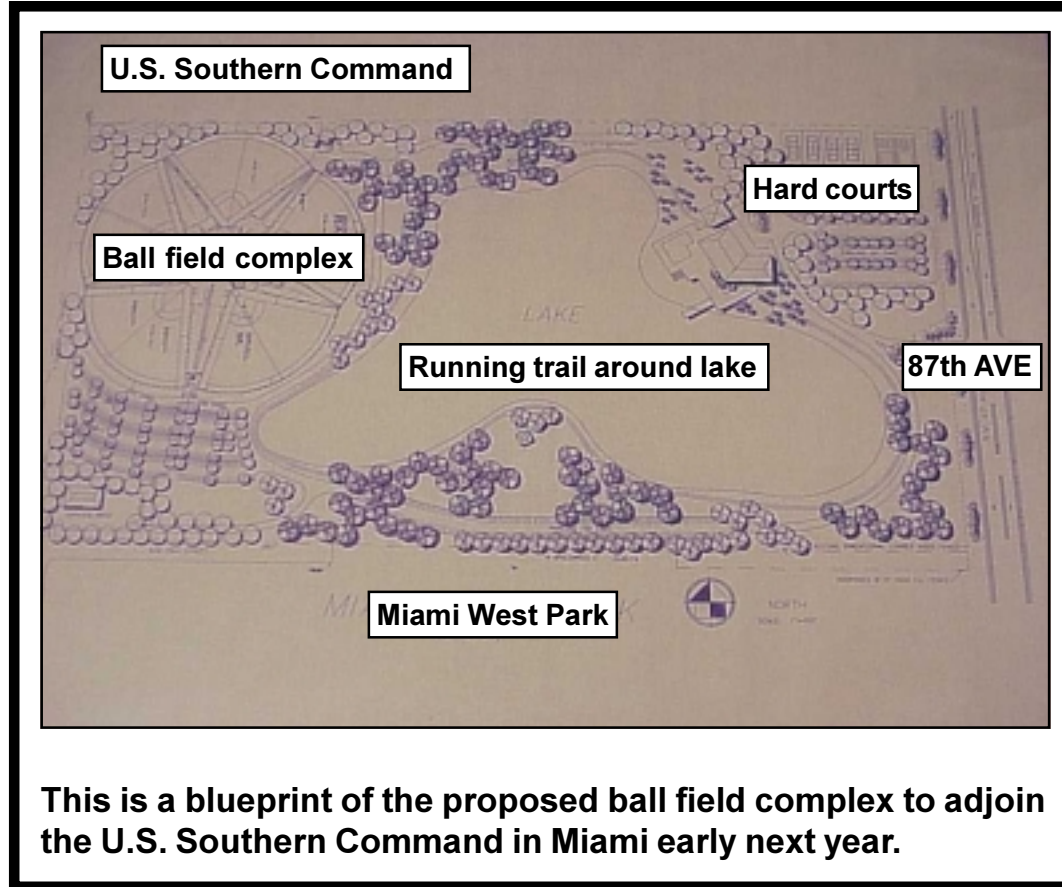
(Above) Mallory Bilyeu, almost 2, plays the duck game. Mallory is the daughter of Maj. Al Bilyeu, J-8, and wife Nancy.

Ball field complex to adjoin SOUTHCOM

By Petty Officer 1st Class Gabe Puello, USN
Command Run Assistant Editor

The rugged property South of the headquarters building, recently had its first phase construction contract awarded, by the Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation department.

The proposed Miami West Park plan shows completing the road around



the lake, adding a running path 10 feet wide, a ball field

complex, hard courts, a multi purpose building and

possibly a swimming pool.

According to

Michael Rhodes, special advisor to the commander in chief for quality of life affairs, "the park will not only serve SOUTHCOM, but our Doral corporate and residential neighbors as well, and the running capabilities could be ready for our use as early as the end of 2000."

Rhodes, who serves as the command point of contact with the county on a variety of issues to include the park, is attempting

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to accelerate development of the second and third phases. "The first phase is asphalt work to complete the perimeter road and installing the running path, as well as parking areas, lighting, clearing overgrowth, over-seeding cleared grounds and planting trees. We should see the work on this beginning in May," said Rhodes. The second phase will be the ball field complex itself plus associated landscaping, and the third stage would involve installing the basketball and tennis courts, a multi-purpose building, a



conceptual pool, and associated landscaping. "I wouldn't hold my breath about the pool though," he added, "It is in the con-

cept but I don't know that it will happen".

With the open fields that will exist after phase one, Rhodes plans

Michael Rhodes, special advisor to the commander in chief for quality of life affairs, reviews the blueprints for the new ballfield complex to adjoin the U.S. Southern Command Headquarters. He said the new running track will wind around the existing lake, which should be ready by as early as the end of the year. (Photo by Air Force Tech. Sgt. Lee Roberts)

on investigating the possibilities for intramural opportunities such as soccer and softball.

Can prayers really make a difference?

By Col. Emilio Chaviano, USAF
U.S. Southern Command Chaplain

Can your prayers really make a difference? In 1997 Representative Steve Largent of Oklahoma said, "Never before have we needed men and women of courage to step forward and to lead. And to lead with the idea that you're willing to lay down your political career, lay down your reputation, for the principles that you believe in. That's what it's going to take to regain the momentum and to move forward on all those

National Day of Prayer Thursday

The observance of the National Day of Prayer at the U.S. Southern Command is 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Main Conference Room. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Walter S. Hogle Jr., 15th Air Force commander, at Travis Air Force Base, Calif. This is an event for people of all faiths to gather and reflect on the blessings of freedom, pray for the nation's leaders, and to be inspired to better face the challenges of the new millennium.

National Day of Prayer is an annual event established by Congress and President Truman in 1952. Each year it is officially proclaimed by the president and supported by governors across America. This year's theme is "PRAY2K, American's Hope for the New Millennium."

initiatives that protect our faith and our families and our freedom that we

all hold so dearly. It's going to take men and women of courage that

are willing to lead by example."

With a presidential election on the horizon, it is important that men and women of faith address the issue of how we can make a difference in America. After all, our leaders form the very backbone of our nation and we are called to pray for them. At times the task of praying for an entire country seems a bit overwhelming.

What can the people of SOUTHCOM do that will make a difference?

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The most important thing you can do is pray. Prayer is the foundation of a godly government. We can pray for our leaders, about legislation or about current issues facing our nation. It is also important that we pray for our communities, including our neighborhoods and local government officials.

Next, you can participate in a National Day of Prayer observance May 4. We should



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**Chaplain (Col.)
Emilio A. Chaviano**

do this because God commands us to pray for our leaders. The Apostle Paul urges believers to offer requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving for everyone, including kings and all those in authority. The Hebrew Scriptures also remind that our prayers are not in

vain and that God answers the prayers of his people. It says in 2 Chronicles 7:14, “If My people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will

heal their land.”

It is also important that we gather in prayer because our leaders at all levels are under tremendous pressure. They need our prayers and they need to know that they are being supported in prayer. By taking time to pray for our nation, we will be rewarded with personal spiritual growth. In coming before the Lord on behalf of our nation with true humility and repentance, we begin to experience a strengthening of our relationship with

God. Of course there is a lot more people of faith and integrity can do to participate and impact our government, but getting involved in our National Day of Prayer event is a good first step. The men and women of the command can participate 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Main Conference Room. The guest speaker is Lt. Gen. Walter S. Hogle, Jr., 15th Air Force commander. Everyone is invited to attend regardless of religious affiliation.

What did ya say you were lookin' for?

By Rich Zimmerman

Family Support Center Relocation
Readiness Program Manager

Find it. That's right find it. Whatever local information you're looking for in South Florida, chances are you'll be able to find it fast and easy at the Miami Herald Answerbook web site located at <http://www.herald.com/answerbook>.

The Miami Herald Answerbook is an excellent on-line resource for Miami-Dade, and Broward County schools,

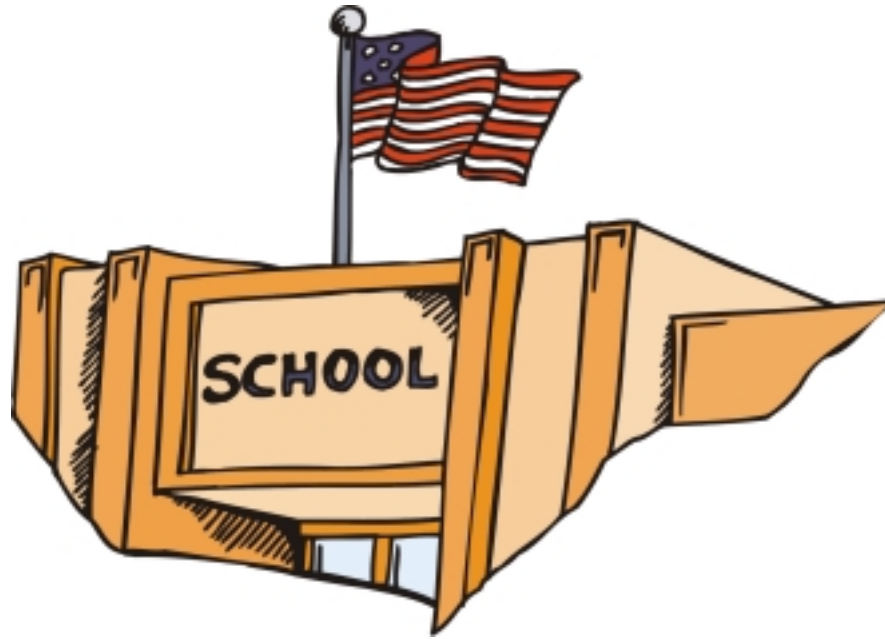
communities, entertainment, and resources. The site is really inclusive. There's information on schools - not only public schools, but all types. There's private schools, magnet schools, adult education, and vocational

schools, alternative schools and university information. There are school comparison charts, profiles, and instruction on choosing a school.

There's community information, transportation, libraries, even infor-

mation on crime statistics. This web site has church and synagogue information. There are detailed church service schedules for a tremendous assortment of religious groups. Recreation information abounds. Parks, attractions, museums, beaches, outdoor activities – It's all there. Interested in the history of Miami? Read about it here. Check out the Insider's Guide to Dade, Broward, and The Everglades. Bookmark this page on your PC. You can be sure it's book-marked on mine. Have fun!

(Editor's note: for more information, call Zimmerman at 305-437-2665 or 2667.)



Command Run feedback

The following comments have recently been E-mailed to the *Command Run* by our readers.

(Editor's note: This section is where the editorial staff will print various comments about this publication sent via E-mail or snail mail by our readers.)

"I'm sure the content is appropriate for the audience, but I must congratulate your use of technology to assemble a really great online magazine. There is nothing to criticize and everything to praise. Yours is the most effective use of Adobe Acrobat I believe I have ever seen. Your page layout makes effective use of white space, headlines, and titles. Almost every page has a photo or graphic that supports

the article instead of competing with it. The document resizes when I resize the Acrobat viewer. Congratulations on a job well done."

"Another great job. This will make a real difference for our personnel... especially the families. We all need to emphasize that people read this and use this!"

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Wanted

Carpool participants

Looking for individuals interested in saving over \$100 a month in commuting costs. The U.S. Southern Command now has vanpools operating from Kendall and Pembroke Pines. Call Master Sgt. Roger Hylton at (305) 437-1415 if interested in vanpooling from Kendall. Call Larry Berger at (305) 437-1424 if interested in vanpooling from Pembroke Pines.

Autos

1994 Toyota truck

1994 maroon Toyota truck for sale. Has air conditioning, Eclipse CD stereo with Punch 40 amp, five-speed, with new tires and heavy duty shocks. Also has Brahma Cap worth \$1,000. Only 65,000 miles. Asking \$7,500. Call (305) 629-9437.

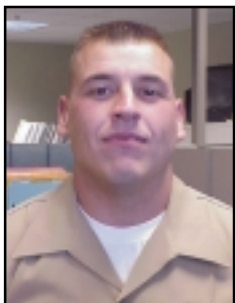
Real estate

Beach condo for rent

Beautiful, large, one bedroom condo with one and one-half baths for rent. Located on 28th Street and Collins Avenue in Miami Beach, just one block off the beach. Corner unit on 10th floor was completely remodeled in 1998. Includes a wrap around balcony with bay and ocean views. Has custom tile floor throughout and European cabinets in kitchen and baths. Has pool, gym and secure parking access. Pets allowed. Call (305) 673-2951 or E-mail Ut.Prosim@usa.net for more information.

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U.S. Marines
Organization:
Security
Duty title:
Protective service agent
Time in service:

4 years

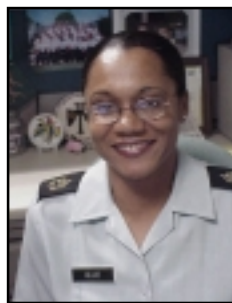
Hometown: North East, Pa.

Hobbies: Fishing and physical training

Favorite duty station: U.S. Support Group, Haiti

Career Highlights: Becoming a United States Marine... Semper Fi

Sgt. 1st Class Catherine B. Allie



Service:
U.S. Army
Organization:
Headquarters
U.S. Southern
Command Inspector General
Duty title:

Assistant inspector general

Time in service: 20 years

Hometown: Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Hobbies: Shopping, singing, movies, running, swimming, leisure reading and basketball

Favorite duty station: White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

Career Highlights: Promotion to E-7, maxing every PT test, and winning Fort Ord, Calif., Track and Field championship

Staff Sgt. William M. Olson



Service:
U.S. Air Force
Organization: J-6 Command,
Control, Communications, and
Computer Systems Directorate

Duty title: NCO in charge of Architecture and Engineering Branch

Time in service: 12 years

Hometown: New Brighton, Minn.

Hobbies: Photography, running and traveling

Favorite duty station: Royal Air Force Mildenhall, United Kingdom

Career Highlights: Pinning on technical sergeant May 1, 2000

New Navy captain

Congratulations to Navy Cmdr. **Joyce E. King**, U.S. Southern Command Legal Office, who was recently selected for promotion to the rank of captain.

Command selections

Congratulations to the following Army officers who were recently chosen for lieutenant colonel level command:

Lt. Col. Harry B. Williams, J-1
Maj. Christopher L. Winne, J-2
Lt. Col. Robert Valdivia, J-3
Lt. Col. Jeffrey D. McClain, J-3
Lt. Col. James A. Pabon, J-4
Lt. Col. Greg W. Cusimano, J-4
Lt. Col. Mario Coronel, J-4
Maj. Gregory L. Hager, J-5
Lt. Col. Anthony F. Daskevich, J-5
Lt. Col. Orlando R. Goodwin, SOCSO
Maj. James Marye, SOCSO
Lt. Col. Craig Vest, SOCSO

J-3 Operations Directorate

New arrivals

- **Army Capt. Bob Meek**
- **Army Reserve National Guard Capt. Bridget McMillan**
- **Navy Reserve Cmdr. Ramon Roman**

Departures

- **Army Master Sgt. Richard Dwaine**
- **Army Spc. Andrew Gassner**
- **Army Reserve Capt. John Morlock**
- **Navy Reserve Cmdr. Patrick Kinsey**
- **Coast Guard Reserve Cmdr. Brian O'Keefe**

Promotion

Congratulations to **Graciella M. Fairless, J-3**, who was recently promoted to joint readiness specialist, GS-12.

Appreciation

Congratulations to **Zoila M. Nieves** and **Air Force Reserve Master Sgt. Randel Carr, J-3**, who recently received certificates of appreciation for participating as VITA tax volunteers for the 1999 income tax season.

Enlisted kudos

Congratulations to the following winners of the U.S. Southern Command Enlisted Person of the Quarter Board for the first quarter of 2000:

Senior Category

Army Sgt. Douglas Smith, J-2

Junior Category

Army Spc. John Diest, J-2

New lieutenant colonel

Congratulations to **Anthony P. Kluz, J-6**, who was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Major selections

Congratulations to the following Air Force captains who were recently selected for promotion to the rank of major:

Karn L. Carlson, J-4

Charles E. Moore, JIATF-E

VITA volunteer certificates

Congratulations to the following U.S. Southern Command members who recently received certificates of appreciation from the Internal Revenue Service for their participation as VITA volunteers for the 1999 income tax season. These volunteers provided advice and assistance to service members and civilian employees in filing their federal income tax returns.

- Air Force Lt. Col. Terrence Farrell, SCJA
- Navy Cmdr. Linda Tanner, SCRA
- Army Sgt. 1st Class David Rivera, SCSJS
- Ben Scott, J-2
- Air Force Master Sgt. Randel Carr, J-3
- Zoila M. Nieves, J-3
- Navy Cmdr. Wayne Williamson, J-4
- Air Force Staff Sgt. Bill Olson, J-6
- Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Angela Lewis, J-6
- Les Christensen, J-8
- Air Force Senior Airman Danielle Bryant, BASEOPS



Legal symposium

Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm (Left), U.S. Southern Command commander in chief, and the Honorable Barry R. McCaffrey, U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy director, have a discussion at the Third Annual Symposium on Defense and Security Issues April 18 at the Wyndham in Miami. The theme of the symposium, held April 17-20, was "Military Operations and Rule of Law in Democratic Societies." (Photo by John Pellino)